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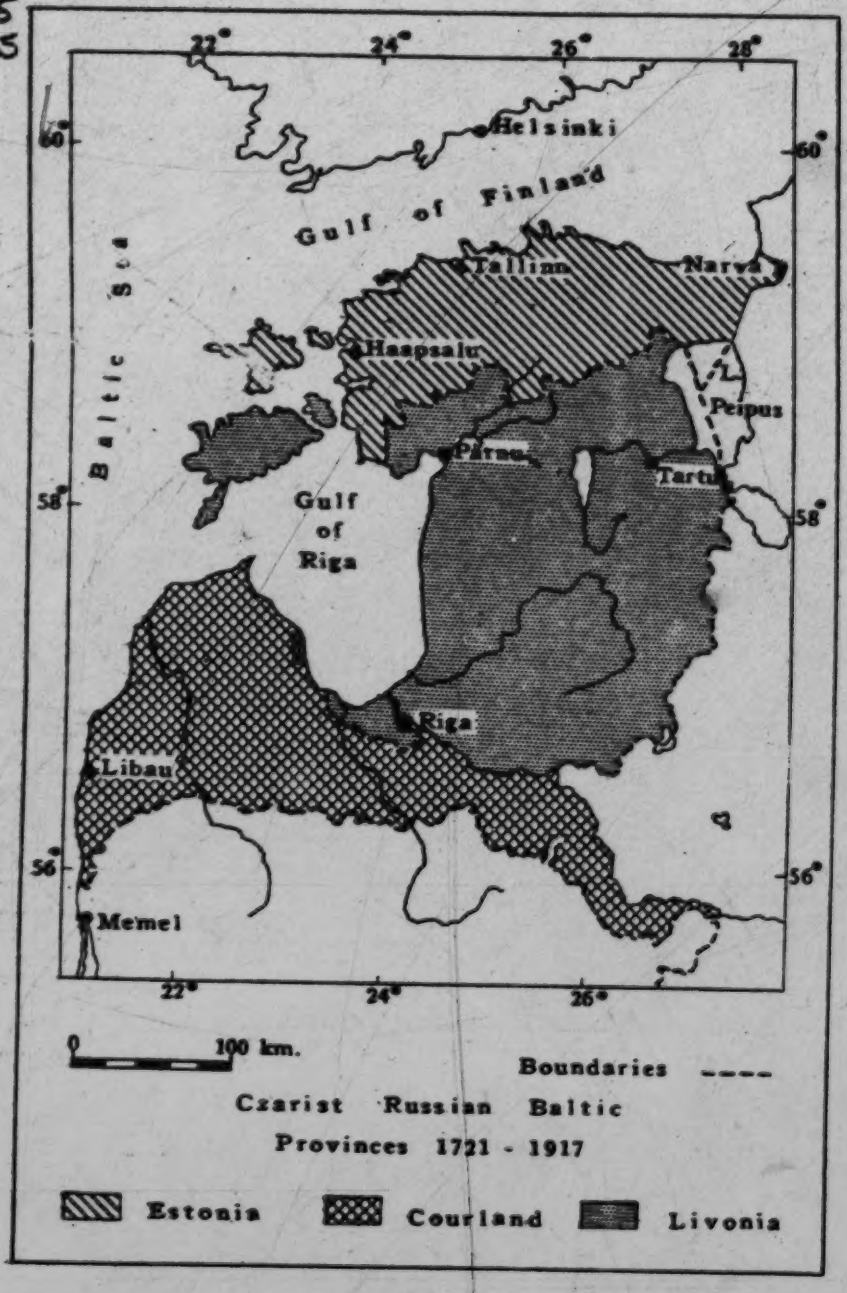

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An Account of Livonia, *with the Manners, Customs and Religion of its Antient as well as Modern Inhabitants, and the chief Occurrences that have happened there, during the present War betwixt* Muscovy, *the King of* Poland *and the* Swedes.

CHAP. I.

A Geographical Description of Livonia.

131 LIvonia or *Liefland* hath *Muscovy* on the *East*, on *West* it is enclosed on the *Baltick* Sea, on the *South* it borders upon *Samogitia*, *Lithuania*, and *Prussia*, and on the *North* side it is divided from *Sweden* and *Finland* by a Gulph of the *Baltick*, commonly call'd the *Livonian Bay*. Its extent is of about 600 *English* Miles in length, and near 200 in breadth. It contains four different Provinces, *viz*. *Esthonie*, *Odevoa*, *Lettie*, and *Courland*, besides the Island of *Oesel*; though some have made *Harland* and *Wirland* also distinct Provinces, which are no more than certain Districts belonging to *Esthonia*.

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131 133 The Province of *Esthonie* or *Estbland* being bounded to the *North* with the *Finland Bay*, on the *South* by the River *Divina* or *Dune*, and part of the Province of *Lettie*,

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ſeveral Profeſſors, who Read and Teach the Liberal Sciences. Not far from this City, about half a League from the Sea-ſhore, is to be ſeen the Ruins of a once ſtately Monaſtery, Founded about the beginning of the XV. Century, by a rich Merchant of this City, and Dedicated to St. *Bridget*: It conſiſted both of Men and Women, and the Book which contains the Foundation of it acquaints the Reader, that already in thoſe Days the Fryars and Nuns were ſo ingenious as to entertain a ſecret Commerce by certain Signs of which there is a kind of ſmall Dictionary affixed at the end.

The Fort *Badn*, belonging to this Diſtrict, lies upon the River *Aſſa*.

The Diſtrict of *Jerve*, being an Inland Country, contains the Caſtle of *Witten* or *Weiſſenſtein*, *Upperpalen* and *Leu*, places of pretty good ſtrength.

Neither has the Diſtrict of *Wicke* more than four places of any Note, *viz*. *Hapſal*, near the Bay of *Bothnia*, once in the Poſſeſſion of the *Danes*, under their King *Frederick* II. but was taken by the *Muſcovites* 1575 and in ſix Years after recovered by the *Swedes*; *Lode*, *Leal* and *Wicke*.

II. The Province of *Odepoa* borders to the *Eaſt* upon the Lake *Pipus*, to the *North* on the Rivers *Fela*, *Pernaw* and *Embec*; to the *Weſt*, on the Bay of *Livonia*, and on the *South* it is bounded by the Province of *Lettie*. Its chief City is *Deopt* or *Torpat*; by the *Muſcovites* call'd *Jurigorod*, being ſeated betwixt the two Lakes *Worzero* and *Papus*, upon the River *Embec*, a pretty large City, the Remnants of its antient Stone Buildings and Walls, being ſufficient Teſtimonies, that this place was none of the leaſt conſiderable in thoſe Parts, it having been formerly alſo a Biſhops See. It was in the Poſſeſſion of the *Muſcovites* till 1230, when the Maſter of the *Teutonick* Order conquered it by the Sword. In the Year 1558, that famous *Ruſſian* Tyrant *Ivan Baſiterits*, advanced againſt this City with a formidable Army, which ſtruck ſuch Terror into the Inhabitants, that they ſurrendred immediately; but the Year 1571 proved fatal to them; for a certain *Livonian* Gentleman, call'd *Reinold Roſe*, having laid a deſign to deliver the City from the *Muſcovite* Slavery, by putting it into the Hands of *Magnus*, the then Duke of *Holſtein*; and the

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